

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF MINNESOTA,

IN FAVOR

Of the remuneration of James B. Thomas and family for property lost and injury sustained by Indian depredations.

APRIL 17, 1860.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota to Congress for the relief of James B. Thomas and family.

Whereas James B. Thomas, a natural-born citizen of the United States, and in March, 1857, a citizen of Minnesota, does most respectfully represent, that in the year and month aforesaid an outlawed band of some forty Indians of the Sioux tribe, commonly supposed to be under the command of Ink-pa-du-tah, made a descent upon his house and family; that he was by said Indians deprived of all his property, as set forth in the accompanying petition; that one of his sons was instantly killed, and himself wounded in the arm, by the said Indians; that the wound was of such a nature as to render the amputation of the limb necessary, in order to preserve his life; and that he also lost another child from the effects of the intense cold experienced while fleeing from the said Indians for safety; and that he is now entirely destitute and in a great measure unable to support his family. Your memorialists, uniting with the general assembly of the State of Iowa, would most respectfully ask your honorable body to grant a sufficient remuneration to said James B. Thomas and family, for the loss sustained by the barbarous acts of said Indians.

Resolved by the legislature of the State of Minnesota, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use all their influence to procure the passage of an act for the relief of said James B. Thomas and family, and that, in view of the facts set forth in the memorial, we deem it but an act of common justice on the part of the general government to remunerate to said Thomas and family for the property lost and injury sustained in consequence of said Indian depredations.

Resolved, That the secretary of state forward a certified copy of the

foregoing memorial and joint resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

AMOS COGGSWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
IGNATIUS DONNELLY,
President of the Senate.

Approved, March 8, 1860.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Minnesota, March 24, 1860.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. H. BAKER,
Secretary of State.

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